

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHEST DRAINAGE

Abstract of the Disclosure

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The present invention describes a device for placement in the thoracic cavity of a patient. The device is a cannula, tube or catheter for chest drainage.

The device serves as a conduit for drainage of excessive fluid or air buildup in the chest to a receptacle outside the body. The device also serves to prevent

10 influx of fluid or air into the chest cavity, thus preventing pneumothorax or

infection. The device incorporates systems for anchoring the chest drainage cannula to the chest and for steering the chest drainage cannula into the thoracic cavity.